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The reply filed on 10-12-99 (Paper No. 15) is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because: there is no response to the office action mailed 10-1-99 (Paper No. 14). Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action will soon be expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

It should be noted that claims 68-72 have been renumbered to 69-73 because claim 68 has been added in the amendment filed 8-30-99 (Paper No. 13). Furthermore, the corresponding address in the Declaration and Power attorney is Baxter Healthcare Corporation in Illinois, but the corresponding address in the amendments is Fish & Richardson in Minnesota, there is no request being filed for change of address.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shin-Lin Chen whose telephone number is (703) 305-1678. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jasemine Chambers can be reached on (703) 308-2035. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 308-4242.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist,
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